

# Dagenham still hope

**TITLE** chasers Dagenham visit Loakes Park on Thursday night with one aim in mind — three points against Wycombe Wanderers to keep them in with a chance of the championship.

At the moment, the Essex club must rely on Enfield dropping points as the latter have two matches in hand and are only two points behind. Any slip from Dagenham will make the title almost certain for Enfield but the Daggers are still hoping.

Although it would seem Dagenham have a greater incentive to win on Thursday, Wanderers must also win if they are to reach their objective of gaining a place in the top three and the cash that goes with it.

Wycombe will also be anxious to avenge a 1-0 defeat at Dagenham way back in September. Paul Currie got the only goal after five minutes and the defeat could have been heavier for Wycombe, who were second best on the day. Since then,

Dagenham have done supremely well to overcome a shocking injury situation.

Three of their back four players have missed much of the season — Jim Lye, Norman Welch and Joe Dunwell — while Ken Gray is also out injured at the moment. Dagenham acted quickly when the injuries struck, signing John Kettleborough from Hitchin and Frank Saul from Millwall. Saul is the former Spurs player. Peter Wellman was also signed from Canvey Island and has made a big impression at full back.

## ROTHMANS ISTHMIAN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

(Top places, up to 2/5/76)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dagenham	39	26	■	8	88	44	81
Enfield	37	24	7	8	75	28	79
<b>Wycombe</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>76</b>
Ilford	40	22	9	9	56	35	75
Dulwich	42	22	5	15	67	41	71
Hendon	42	20	11	11	60	41	71

A **PENALTY** competition for the Air Canada Shield will be held at Loakes Park on Thursday evening. See story on page 17.